



SHERBORNE ABBEY with CASTLETON,
SAINT PAUL'S, LILLINGTON and
LONGBURTON

*To know God and to make Him known
in wonder, love and praise*

Founded by St Aldhelm AD 705

Sunday 26 May 2024 – Trinity Sunday

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	Celebrant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
<i>(sung by The Montagu Singers)</i>	Preacher:	The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell
<i>(There is a baptism in the Abbey at 11.30 am.)</i>		

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah Ch 6: v 1 – 8; John Ch 3: v 1 - 17

Hymns: Lift high the cross, 476, 374, 146

6.00 pm Choral Evensong	Officiant:	The Reverend Martin Lee
<i>(sung by visiting choir, The Montagu Singers)</i>		

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins	Officiant:	The Reverend John Townend
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STPAULS@THEGRYPHON *(Theme: Ephesians; Father, Son & Spirit)*

10.30 am Morning Worship	Leader:	Mark Greenstock
	Speaker:	Tabitha Smith

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Morning Service	Officiant:	The Reverend John Townend
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LONGBURTON CHURCH

10.00 am Said Holy Communion	Celebrant:	The Reverend Pene Kennedy
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Thursday 30 May 2024 – Corpus Christi Service - The Abbey – 7.00 pm

Sung by adult members of the Abbey Choir: Setting: Mass for three voices, Lotti;
Anthem: Trinity Blessing, James Henderson; Hymns: 272, 384, 313, 302.

The Abbey – Weekday/Monthly Services

Every Monday – Saturday at 8.30 am – Morning Prayer - The Sepulchre Chapel

Every Monday at 9.00 am – CW Holy Communion - The Lady Chapel

Every Tuesday at 12 noon – CW Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

Every Wednesday at 10.30 am – Holy Communion with Homily (CW/BCP) – The Lady Chapel

Every Thursday at 12 noon – BCP Holy Communion - The Lady Chapel

The Abbey – Weekday/Monthly Services continued

Every Friday at 9.00 am – Ecumenical Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

1st Friday of the month at 9.00 am – Requiem Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

(next service on Friday 7 June 2024)

3rd Friday of the month at 11.00 am – Remembering the Fallen (next service Friday 21 June 2024)

Every Saturday at 9.00 am – CW Holy Communion - The Sepulchre Chapel

Sunday 2 June 2024 – 1st Sunday after Trinity

THE ABBEY

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Katie Windle

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Christopher Huitson

Deacon: The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes

CASTLETON CHURCH

11.15 am Mattins

Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

STPAULS@THEGRYPHON (*Theme: Ephesians; Prayer for God's people*)

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader & Speaker: The Reverend Jim Edie

LILLINGTON CHURCH

9.30 am Family Service

Officiant: The Reverend Hugh Bonsey

Longburton Church

10.00 am Village Communion

Celebrants: The Reverend Pene Kennedy
The Reverend Brenda Phillips

Thought for the Day

It is Trinity Sunday and as St Paul's members might recall when I preached on Trinity Sunday last year, I commented that my Doctrine tutor at theological college used to say to us all (with slight jest) "Avoid preaching on Trinity Sunday because the potential for heresy is high". He also added that "If you do, don't use analogies to describe God, ie no apples, no different states of water and no fidget spinners etc!" (which is a bit of a shame because I quite like fidget spinners!).

You may ask "Why?", which would be a fair question. Why wouldn't you want to preach on the very essence and heart of God? Why wouldn't you want to describe what Triune God is like? My answer would be because describing God in human terms isn't possible. God is beyond our description, beyond our understanding and by attempting describe Him we actually reduce Him to the words we can muster within our mere human language. What we can do though is separately describe God's characteristics or persona. They are God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit or perhaps God the Creator, God the Redeemer and God the Sustainer, and along with this we can describe our experience of God working in our lives.

One thing that should be drawn from the Trinity though, is relationship. Relationship is at the heart of the Trinity and at the heart of that relationship is love. This means that love and relationship sit at the heart of God's desire to create, they sit at the heart of God's desire to sustain and, through Jesus, love and relationship extend to us and sit at the heart of God's desire to redeem. It is that same love that held Jesus to the cross, that same love that sets us free, free to have a relationship with Him, a relationship that will transform us and renew us. *Rev Jim Edie*

Notices

Visiting Hours: The Abbey is open to visitors (free of charge) on Mondays to Saturdays (8.00 am – 5.00 pm) and on Sundays (11.00 am – 5.00 pm). The Abbey may close when private services are taking place. *Visiting Choir rehearsals – Saturday 25 May & Sunday 26 May (2.00 pm). Baptism – Sunday 26 May (11.30 am).*

Prayer List: *The Sick:* Harry Bond, Chris Smallbone, Alan Gillard, Pam Dodge, Josephine Vincent, Naomi Hennah, Peter Dunkin, Vivien Best, Rosie Taylor, HM The King & HRH The Princess of Wales. *Departed:* Michael Rogers, Gerald (Brian) & Dorothy Phelan & Fiona Robertson. *Andrew Cross*

Service Music: The Abbey Choir has a weekend off and we welcome the Montagu Singers to sing both Sunday services. *Parish Eucharist:* Setting: Credo Mass K 257, Mozart; Anthem: Great Lord of Lords, Gibbons; Hymns: Lift high the cross, 476, 374, 146. *Choral Evensong:* Introit: O salutaris hostia, Howells; Responses: Tomkins; Psalm: 119 vv 145-160, Higgins; Canticles: Third Service, Batten; Anthem: I saw the Lord, Stainer; Hymns: 145, 146. *James Henderson, Director of Music*

Organ Recitals: On Mondays at 1.30 pm, free entry, retiring collection, all welcome:

Monday 27 May 2024 – Simon Clarkson, Yeovil

Monday 3 June 2024 – Stephen Bell, Ash

Monday 10 June 2024 – Robert Costin, Head of Academic Musich, Sherborne School

Annual Church Census 2024: The census commenced on Sunday 12 May 2024, so this Sunday is the third of five Sundays. Please could you fill in the slip which will be given to you as you enter the Abbey and place it in the box in the porch on your way out. *The Reverend Martin Lee*

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): The APCM for the Parish of Sherborne with Castleton and St Paul's is this Sunday 26 May 2024, 4.00 pm, Digby Memorial Church Hall (a cream tea to be served afterwards; attendees are encouraged to walk up to the Abbey for Evensong). The APCM is open to all parishioners but only those on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to vote.

The Pump Room comes to Sherborne! The Friends of Sherborne Abbey invite you to Afternoon Tea on Thursday 20 June 2024 in the Digby Memorial Church Hall at 3.30 pm. This will be a proper 'English' tea with sandwiches, scones, cakes etc accompanied by our own 'Pump Room' pianist on the piano. After you have had tea, we should like you to join us in the Abbey for Evensong at 5.30 pm sung by the choir of St Mary's, Litton Cheney, directed by Paul Cheater. For catering purposes, please RSVP to Joanna in the Parish Office (Joanna.sams@sherborneabbey.com) by Monday 17 June 2024. Donations from Friends' members on the day requested to cover costs (non-Friends £10.00 per person). We look forward to welcoming you! *Dr Chris Hamon*

Abbey Servers Required: Our team needs more volunteer servers for our services etc. Would you be interested in becoming a server? We would welcome young people or adults to come forward and be part of the serving team. No experience necessary as appropriate training would be given. Please speak to the vergers for more information or contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

There is also an **Open Afternoon** in the Abbey on **Sunday 9 June 2024** from 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm for children in Year 4 or above to young adults if you are interested in being a server or a chorister. Drop in for a chat about what opportunities we can offer. Refreshments provided.

Abbey Flower Team: Calling all flower arrangers! If you are interested in joining us to arrange flowers in the Abbey about once a month, please contact Barbara Fifield (01935 813869 or email bafifield@hotmail.com) *Barbara Fifield*

Dorset Youth for Christ 'Youth Hangout': A space for young people (Yrs 6 – 11) in Sherborne to connect with others their age, play some games & explore the Christian faith. Every 2nd Sunday of the month, next on Sunday 9 June 2024, 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm, Cheap Street Church Hall.

Conservation Management Plan (CMP), Sherborne Abbey: Francis Brown, a PhD student at the University of Exeter, is currently researching and compiling a CMP for Sherborne Abbey. In relation to this project, as part of a consultation week, there will be a drop-in session open to everyone at 2.00 pm on Saturday 1 June 2024; Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall, where he will be happy to discuss the project and would be keen to hear any thoughts, advice and specialist knowledge relating to the conservation of the Abbey. *Mike Keatinge*

Longburton Village Café: Held in the village church of St James, the café provides tea, coffee (free refills) & great cakes for just £2.00. Tuesdays 4 & 18 June 2024 from 10.30 am - noon.

Taizé Service: Half an hour of prayer, meditation and music - 2nd Sunday each month, 6.30 pm, Cheap Street Church. Everyone welcome. Next service: Sunday 9 June 2024. *Lesley McCreadie*

Mothers' Union: Our next meeting is on Friday 28 June 2024 at 10.00 am for 10.30 am in the Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall. Music with poetry written by Sue Bradshaw. All welcome! *Jo Higgs, MU Secretary (musecretary@sherborneabbey.com)*

Salisbury Diocese Weekly E-Newsletter: This e-newsletter has some wonderfully inspiring stories and interesting news relating to all aspects of Church life. Search "Salisbury Diocese Grapevine" online or click <https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/howeare/news/publications/> *Sue Bradshaw*

ECO Seminar: Arocha, the charity that runs the ECO Church Awards, is running a series of free webinars, the next on Tuesday 4 June 2024, 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm. For the full list please see: <https://arocha.org.uk/events/> *John Crossman*

Sherborne Abbey Regular Guided Tours: Tuesdays & Thursdays (10.30 am) and Wednesdays & Fridays (2.00 pm). Just turn up and our guide will be waiting for you at the porch! Tours take between 45 mins – 1 hour; no charge – but any donation you may wish to give is much appreciated. Guided Tours will also take place between 6 July – 8 Sept 2024 on Saturdays (10.30 am) & Sundays (11.15 am) (2.00 pm if a Sunday morning baptism is taking place). If you have a large group, please contact Joanna in the Parish Office (01935 713777) to arrange a convenient date/time. (Note: Tours sometimes have to be cancelled due to services taking place; see our website.) *Harold Clarke*

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Parish Office – 01935 713777 (Monday – Friday 9.00 am – 3.00 pm (1.00 pm on Mondays))

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Abbey Shop – Staffed hours: Monday - Friday 10.30 am – 3.30 pm; Saturday 10.30 am – 1.00 pm.

Abbey Tours – If you wish to book a tour, please contact the Parish Office.

Website: <https://www.sherborneabbey.com/>